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SUBJECT: U.S. JOINT VENTURE IN ARICA CASINO OPERATION

- 1. CHILEAN TOURIST OFFICIALS ANNOUNCED RECENTLY THAT A U.S. FIRM WOULD INVEST IN IMPROVEMENTS ON HOSTELRY AND GAMBLING FACILITIES IN THE NORTHERN BORDER CITY OF ARICA. AT THE SAME TIME THE FIRM, THE "INTERNATIONAL VENTURE CORPORATION", WILL BE GRANTED CHARTER SPACE ON LAN-CHILE FLIGHTS TO BRING AN AVERAGE OF 100 TOURIST/GAMBLERS PER WEEK FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES. THE POTENTIAL TOURIST INCOME IS ESTIMATED BY CHILEAN OFFICIALS TO BE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF 7 MILLION DOLLARS PER YEAR. THIS IS WITHOUT COUNTING THE CASINO'S PERCENTAGE OF THE GAMBLING REVENUE.
- 2. THE EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT THE "INTERNATIONAL VENTURE CORPORATION" IS A SUBSIDIARY OF A MIAMI TRAVEL AGENCY "GOLD KEYS," 1666 79TH ST., NORTH BAY VILLAGE, FLORIDA 33141 (PHONE: 305-861-4966) AND IS REPORTED TO BE CONTROLLED BY MESSRS. WILLIAM SMITH AND STANLEY TERLMAN. THESE ENTREPRENEURS REPORTEDLY WERE ENCOURAGED TO FORM THE JOINT VENTURE (WITH THE ARICA CASINO) BY A CHILEAN, EDUARDO MILLAS, WHO RUNS AN EXHIBITION OF CHILEANS ARTS AND CRAFTS IN MIAMI UNDER A GOC CONCESSION.
- 3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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